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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office action dated 9/7/99, has a shortened statutory period of response set to expire on 12/7/99. A three (3) month extension of time is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the amount of \$870.00 for payment of the extension fee. One additional copy of this document is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

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